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## HANDOUT 14-11

**Just World Scale**

Indicate your degree of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements in the blank space next to each item. Respond to every statement by using the following code.

5 = strongly agree  
 4 = moderately agree  
 3 = slightly agree  
 2 = slightly disagree  
 1 = moderately disagree  
 0 = strongly disagree

- 1. I've found that a person rarely deserves the reputation he has.
- 2. Basically, the world is a just place.
- 3. People who get "lucky breaks" have usually earned their good fortune.
- 4. Careful drivers are just as likely to get hurt in traffic accidents as careless ones.
- 5. It is a common occurrence for a guilty person to get off free in American courts.
- 6. Students almost always deserve the grades they receive in school.
- 7. Men who keep in shape have little chance of suffering a heart attack.
- 8. The political candidate who sticks up for his principles rarely gets elected.
- 9. It is rare for an innocent man to be wrongly sent to jail.
- 10. In professional sports, many fouls and infractions never get called by the referee.
- 11. By and large, people deserve what they get.
- 12. When parents punish their children, it is almost always for good reasons.
- 13. Good deeds often go unnoticed and unrewarded.
- 14. Although evil men may hold political power for a while, in the general course of history, good wins out.
- 15. In almost any business or profession, people who do their job well rise to the top.
- 16. American parents tend to overlook the things most to be admired in their children.
- 17. It is often impossible for a person to receive a fair trial in the USA.
- 18. People who meet with misfortune have often brought it on themselves.
- 19. Crime doesn't pay.
- 20. Many people suffer through absolutely no fault of their own.

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## HANDOUT 14-12

**Aggressiveness Questionnaire**

Circle the number of each statement that describes aggression.

1. A spider eats a fly.
2. Two wolves fight for the leadership of the pack.
3. A soldier shoots an enemy at the front line.
4. The warden of a prison executes a convicted criminal.
5. A juvenile gang attacks members of another gang.
6. Two men fight for a piece of bread.
7. A man viciously kicks a cat.
8. A man, while cleaning a window, knocks over a flowerpot, which, in falling, injures a pedestrian.
9. A girl kicks a wastebasket.
10. Mr. X, a notorious gossip, speaks disparagingly of many people of his acquaintance.
11. A man mentally rehearses a murder he is about to commit.
12. An angry son purposely fails to write to his mother, who is expecting a letter and will be hurt if none arrives.
13. An enraged boy tries with all his might to inflict injury on his antagonist, a bigger boy, but is not successful in doing so.
14. A man daydreams of harming his antagonist, but has no hope of doing so.
15. A senator does not protest the escalation of bombing to which he is morally opposed.
16. A farmer beheads a chicken and prepares it for supper.
17. A hunter kills an animal and mounts it as a trophy.
18. A dog snarls at a mail carrier, but does not bite.
19. A physician gives a flu shot to a screaming child.
20. A boxer gives his opponent a bloody nose.
21. A girl scout tries to assist an elderly woman, but trips her by accident.
22. A bank robber is shot in the back while trying to escape.
23. A tennis player smashes his racket after missing a volley.
24. A person commits suicide.
25. A cat kills a mouse, parades around with it, and then discards it.

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